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First Named Inventor MONSIEUR BERNARD BIDET

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a patent application of MONSIEUR BERNARD BIDET entitled A TIRE INCLUDING A CARCASS PLY, AN INNER ELASTOMERIC LAYER AND AN ELASTOMERIC REINFORCEMENT LAYER BETWEEN THE PLY AND THE INNER LAYER

which includes:

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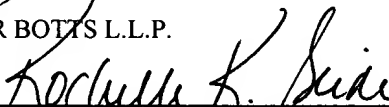
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